



ST. LEONARD'S LEDGER--AUGUST 2026

Where has the summer gone! Here it is the month of August.

Movie night (Saturday, August 1st)--we enjoyed the movie "The Two Popes". It is a witty and moving biographical drama exploring the unlikely friendship between Pope Benedict XVI and Cardinal Bergoglio. As we were finishing the movie, the PA came on to say, "a Tornado Warning!" --to go to our room away from the windows.

From Sunday, August 2nd to Saturday, August 8th our community had our Annual Retreat (here at St. Leonard's). The Theme: "Living the Liturgical Seasons in your daily life." The Presiders were Fr. Tim Kenney, S.M. and Sister Grace Walle, FMI, and the President of the retreat was Bro. David Betz. Joe Kozar (Alumni Hall) and Bill Schlosser (Governor's Island) join us on this retreat. Every day, we had a conference and Mass in the morning. The afternoon schedule found us at 3:30 with a media presentation—video presentation on our temporary professed.

During the week of the retreat, we had an Anointing Service, Reconciliation Service, and Memorial Province Service (which included two members of our community—John Habjan and Larry Schoettelkotte).

Thursday (August 6th)-Pat Tonry, finally, arrived home from the hospital. Welcome Home Pat!

On Saturday, August 8th, we concluded our retreat in the morning, with a retreat evaluation sharing and Closing Prayer Service and Renewal of Vows. That afternoon, we attended the Jubilee celebrations at the University of Dayton. Our community had four members celebrating

jubilees. 75 years of profession: Rev. James Russell; 70 years of profession: Bros. Paul Jablinski and Ken Thompson; and 60 years of profession: Bro. Jeff Sullivan. Congratulations brothers and many thanks for your years of service! Other Brothers who were honored at this celebration were: Will Holloway, Joe Kamis, Gary Marcinowski, and Tom Oldenski.

Sunday, August 9th—Bob Flaherty's birthday and the 40th Anniversary of Vows of David Betz—congratulations to both!

August 10th (Monday)-- Walk Day!

Tuesday, August 11th: Activity time with Annie.

Wednesday, August 12th-Ray Fitz's birthday—Happy Birthday Ray! Making a private Retreat: Kouame Wolfgang Adela (August 12-18th). Walk Day!

Thursday, August 13th Activity time with Annie. "Pop Darts": the winners: (1) Bob Politi, (2) Bob Hughes, (3) Charlie Gausling, and (4) Jim Contadino!

Friday, August 14th Exercise with Donna.

Activity time and Exercise was on -hold during retreat week!

Saturday, August 15 Feast of the Assumption of Mary -Eucharist at 9:30.

Movie Night: (6:30) (Sunday, August 16th) . "The Imitation Game". This movie follows mathematician Alan Turing and a team racing to break Nazi Germany's enigma code during WWII.

Monday, August 17—Walk at 7:30 a.m.

Tuesday, August 18—Activity with Annie—Bocce! Red Team: Jack Somerville, Pat Tonry, Nick Rufo, Bob Tioa (a member of Common Bond), & Jim Contadino; Yellow Team: Bob Hughes, Bob Politi, Annie, Charlie Gausling and Ken Thompson. Red beat the Yellow: 15-8. David Betz was our score keeper.

Wednesday, August 19th—the usual morning Walk. In the evening at 4:30 we had the QAC/Nazareth Community for prayer, social, and dinner. David Betz is visiting his family in Indianapolis until Saturday.

Thursday, August 20th—No Activity time today due to illness in Annie's family.

Friday, August 21st—Exercise time with Donna: legs, arms and mind exercise found Nick Rufo, Al Koch, Jim Contadino, Bob Hughes, Charlie Gausling and Bob Politi in these exercises. Pat Tonry will be back in the future to join our group.

Saturday, August 22nd—the Feast of the Queenship of Mary—a day several of our brothers are celebrating the anniversary of their vows. We remember in our prayers and a social in the evening. We also celebrate the birthday of Paul Bredestege (celebration for him three of our other brothers will be August 24th). We had our usual movie night at 6:30 -- "Dayton Codebreakers", a documentary about the history of codebreakers working at the former NCR building #26 in Dayton.

Sunday, August 23rd—we remember at Mass the birthdays of Gene Contadino and Tom Wittmann. At Mass we had friends of Jim Russell and also of Gene Contadino, Bert Buby and Bob Hughes.

Monday, August 24th—Walk (Charlie Johnson, Bob Hughes, Jeff Sullivan, Jim Contadino & Bob Politi. In the evening, evening prayer, social and Asian dinner to celebrate our birthdays for August (Flaherty, Fitz, Bredestege, Gene Contadino and Tom Wittmann. Chris Wittmann joins our celebration.

Tuesday, August 25th Activity with Annie—Bocce. Yellow Team 15 Red Team 12!

Wednesday, August 26th—the usual morning Walk crew!

Thursday, August 27th-no Activity Time today!

Friday, August 28th—Walk time with Charlie Johnson!

**Saturday, August 29th—Movie Night: "Something the LORD Made"(2004)
partnership between white surgeon (Alfred Blalock) and a black cardiac
pioneer Viven Thomas developed a lifesaving procedure for children with
congenital heart defects (during an era of deep racial segregation)!
Excellent movie!**

Sunday, August 30th—Regular morning Eucharist.

**Monday, August 31st (last day of August!!!) 7:30 morning Walk with Charlie
Johnson.**

**Please remember in your prayers several members of our community at
this time: Bert Buby in hospital with severe back pain; also Pat Tonry, JR
(Jim Russell), and Tom Thompson.**

Please send us any intentions that you wish the community to pray for.

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